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Observer status for the Hague Conference on Private International Law in the General Assembly

Report of the Sixth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The item entitled "Observer status for the Hague Conference on Private International Law in the General Assembly" was included in the agenda of the sixtieth session of the General Assembly at the request of the Netherlands.

2. At its 37th plenary meeting, on 25 October 2005, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee.

3. The Sixth Committee considered the item at its 16th and 19th meetings, on 28 October and 2 November 2005, respectively. The views of the representatives who spoke during the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.6/60/SR.16 and 19).

4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it a letter dated 12 October 2005 from the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly (A/60/232).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.6/60/L.9

5. At the 16th meeting, on 28 October, the representative of the Netherlands, on behalf of Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Canada, the Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Jordan, Lithuania, Malta, Morocco, the Netherlands, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, Slovenia, Spain, Turkey and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, subsequently joined by China, Cyprus, Greece,

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Hungary, Latvia, Luxembourg, New Zealand, Portugal, Romania, Serbia and Montenegro and Sweden, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Observer status for the Hague Conference on Private International Law in the General Assembly" (A/C.6/60/L.9).

6. At its 19th meeting, on 2 November, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/60/L.9 without a vote (see para. 7).

III. Recommendation of the Sixth Committee

7. The Sixth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Observer status for the Hague Conference on Private International Law in the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Wishing to promote cooperation between the United Nations and the Hague Conference on Private International Law,

1. *Decides* to invite the Hague Conference on Private International Law to participate in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly in the capacity of observer;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the necessary action to implement the present resolution.